

Drawings

The drawings were received on 3/17/08. These drawings are approved by the Examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael J Striker on 6/4/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, amend as followed:

The invention described and claimed hereinbelow is also described in PCT/DE 2004/002128, filed on September 9, 2004 and DE 103 48 398.5, filed October 17, 2003. This German Patent Application, ~~whose subject matter is incorporated here by reference,~~ provides the basis for a claim of priority of invention under 35 U.S.C. 119 (a)-(d).

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 9, (Currently Amended) The overload clutch device as recited in claim 1, said clutch mean snap-in disk has a cross-section configured as an annular segment with an opening (28),~~clutch means as recited in Claim 14,~~ wherein the opening (28) does not exceed 25% of the circumference.

Claim 10, (Currently Amended) The overload clutch device as recited in claim 1, ~~clutch means as recited in Claim 14~~, wherein at least one snap-in opening (30) is provided on the circumference.

Claim 11, (Currently Amended) The overload clutch device as recited in claim 1, ~~clutch means as recited in Claim 14~~, wherein a driving feature (24) projects outwardly from an end face (42).

Claim 12, (Currently Amended) The overload clutch device as recited in claim 11, ~~clutch means as recited in Claim 11~~, characterized by a body configured as a gear.

Claim 14, (canceled).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aaron M. Dunwoody whose telephone number is 571-272-7080. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 am - 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel P. Stodola can be reached on 571-272-7087. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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